

All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Labeledz voting yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record. Senator Wesely, on the bill.

(Vote on committee amendments as found on page 450 of the Legislative Journal was 32 ayes, 0 nays.)

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Just to be brief, this bill is not a major bill but it is a positive bill because it deals with terminology and it also deals with a marriage question and both have come up before in this Legislature. Senator Johnson and I had a bill recently on ADC payments and it had been the case in the past that our policy was that you had to be poor and single in order to receive this support, and Senator Johnson and I and this body decided that is kind of silly. If you are poor and need help, you shouldn't be discriminated against because you happen to be married. So this Legislature approved and changed the law and did not further have a barrier to marriage. This bill was similar in that effect because the Crippled Children Services, now Medically Handicapped Services, are not provided if you happen to be married, and the fact is that if you have these services to the age of 21, there are people who desire to be married before that age and ought not to be discouraged from doing so if that is their desire. So this is a promarriage bill. Also, I think as Senator Higgins has done in the past when we changed the term Department of Welfare to Department of Social Services, how you describe a function is very important and the fact that the term "crippled children" and "harelip" are both in our statutes, it is taken as a derogatory negative view and we are changing those terms to a more modern and more positive view and we think that this legislation is a good bill. So I ask your support for it.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Seeing no further lights on LB 249, all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Labeledz voting yes.